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Dear Colleague:

The **Annual Science Team Meeting** of the Atmospheric Science Program (ASP) will take place **February 25-27, 2009, in Santa Fe, New Mexico**. This announcement and invitation is being sent to ASP Science Team investigators, who are encouraged to participate and to extend the invitation to their co-investigators, graduate students, and research associates. Investigators in related programs of DOE, other agencies, universities, and the private sector, and science managers at DOE, DOE Laboratories, and other agencies are also invited. The agenda is being developed; we expect the meeting to last a full three days and would encourage attendance for the entire day Friday. We will provide the draft agenda by email when it is available; subsequent updates will be posted at http://www.asp.bnl.gov/ASP_STmtgFY2009Program.pdf.

As in previous years, we will include invited **keynote presentations**. As of this writing, we have agreement from Phil Rasch (PNNL) to speak on how observational and process studies can improve GCM calculations of aerosol forcing of climate change, and tentative agreement from Ralph Kahn (NASA GSFC) to speak on what satellite observations can contribute to understanding of aerosol processes and forcing and what interpretation of satellite data requires from in-situ measurements and process studies.

We also anticipate overview reports highlighting findings of recent field projects, importantly ISDAC (Indirect and Semi-Direct Aerosol Campaign, March, 2008 in and around the ARM North Slope of Alaska site) and ASP-VOCALS, the DOE ASP component of the VOCALS-REX campaign (Variability of the American Monsoon Systems (VAMOS) Ocean-Cloud-Atmosphere-Land Study Regional Experiment, conducted off of the Chilean coast, October-November, 2008). We would hope also to have a report on the Boston College/Aerodyne Soot Project 2 (July, 2008). **Please advise Ashley and Steve if there are other joint activities that might similarly be highlighted.**

As we did last year we will schedule **6-minute platform presentations** for ASP investigators to highlight key findings from the last year and to outline new directions. We recognize that this is not much time. We encourage presenters to tightly focus their remarks: one viewgraph each on what you did, why you did it, what you found, what it means, what you will do next. For the platform presentations we really want just the highlights; there will be posters, so in your platform presentation refer to your poster for details. The platform presentation should

whet the appetite, not satiate it. We will have to be very strict on the time limit: six minutes, with perhaps one question and quick turnover to the next speaker. The opportunity to make such presentations is open also to members of the Adjunct Science Team, and we would hope to see some presentations from that group as well. **Please send a title by email to Steve (<mailto:ses@bnl.gov>) by February 6.**

We anticipate as well that there will be time for a very few **extended presentations**, say 10 or 12 minutes, that would provide the opportunity for a bit of an overview and for placing one's own work in the context of other activities in ASP or more broadly. **If you would like to self nominate, please send an email to Steve as early as possible with title and précis.**

In view of the short time for platform presentation, we encourage **poster presentations** in addition to the platform presentation. We recognize that a lot of effort can go into preparation of a poster, so you should not feel that preparation and presentation of a poster is required, but consider this as an option for conveying your work to interested colleagues in more detail and more time than can be accommodated in the platform presentation. **If you intend to present a poster, please send title to Steve by February 6 so that we can get a count and prepare a list of posters.** Posters should be laid out for 4 ft x 4 ft area.

A key component of the meeting will be discussion of and preparation of materials for the **forthcoming joint Science Plan** for ASP and ARM (DOE's Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program); more detailed information regarding this Science Plan is being provided separately to ASP investigators. At the science team meeting we will focus on prospective future research directions and activities. These discussions may be integrated with meetings of the several topical working groups of ASP. Additionally, we will engage in discussion of and planning for field projects, including the recent ASP-VOCALS campaign and the forthcoming Carbonaceous Aerosol and Radiative Effects Study (CARES) in the summer of 2010, as well as prospective future field projects for the 2011-2012 time period and beyond.

Meeting Registration. You will need to register for the meeting. This can be done preferably by our secure website (<https://www.bnl.gov/asp>). If you cannot register by this website, it is possible to register by mail or fax using the form available at that site. The closing date for registration is **February 18**. All attendees are urged to pre-register. The registration fee is \$95. It will be possible to register at the meeting for an additional fee.

Meeting Venue. The site for the meeting is the Eldorado Hotel & Spa, Santa Fe <http://www.eldoradohotel.com/>. The Eldorado is located just off the historic Santa Fe main plaza. A block of rooms has been reserved at the government rate, with a **registration deadline of January 25**.

Eldorado Hotel & Spa
309 West San Francisco
Santa Fe, NM 87501

For reservations phone: 800-955-4455 or 505-988-4455
(please use the group code "DOE ASP")
rez@eldoradohotel.com
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Overflow Hotel. Because of limited availability at the Eldorado Hotel on Tuesday night, February 24, the Las Palomas <http://www.laspalomas.com> has been selected as an overflow hotel. This hotel is within walking distance of the Eldorado. If you cannot get a reservation at the Eldorado for this night, you may choose to stay at the overflow hotel for one night and move to the Eldorado for the remainder of your stay, or simply stay at the Las Palomas for your entire stay.

Las Palomas For reservations phone: 877-982-5560
 460 West San Francisco Street (please ask for Booking #1047HV or DOE ASP Meeting)
 Santa Fe, NM 87501 LasPalomas@hotelsantafe.com
 Fax: 505-955-7835

Hotel registration must be made directly with the hotels. Registration for the ASP meeting does not include hotel registration. Government rates are available two nights before and after the meeting, so you might consider spending an extra day in Santa Fe, which has many touristic and cultural amenities.

The nearest major airport to Santa Fe is Albuquerque International Airport (ABQ), which is about an hour by either rental car or shuttle service. Additional logistical information is available on the meeting web page.

For questions of a programmatic or technical nature or regarding the content of the meeting please contact one of us. For questions regarding registration and arrangements, please contact Nancy Warren, phone: 631-344-3275; <mailto:nwarren@bnl.gov>; fax: 631-344-2887.

We look forward to an exciting and productive meeting and to seeing you in Santa Fe.

Sincerely yours,

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